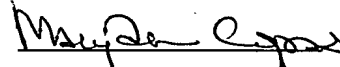


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

- 1) WO 99/31483
- 2) US 5,900,633
- 3) US 5,835,226
- 4) US 5,587,792
- 5) DE 42 28 870 A1

Reference 1 is in the English language and needs no further discussion as to its relevance.

References 2 - 5 have been cited in the International Search Report and are submitted to provide the Examiner easy access to said references.

Reference 5 relates to a process for determining the geometry of thin cover layers made of light optic, transparent material on reflective supports under use of a densimetric width measurement and a spectral photometric thickness measurement. The described method assists in determining

the geometry of upper surface layers on optically transparent material with greater accuracy. In this method, the integral of the intensity distribution over the test coordinate of the width measurement with a determined wavelength is proportional to the intensity of the reflexes of the spectral photometric measurement of the same wavelength.

Copies of the listed documents are submitted herewith along with the form PTO-1449.

It is respectfully requested that any fees required and not enclosed herewith or any shortages in any fees be charged to Deposit Account 02-1653.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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